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### Newsletter 15

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Marking the New Year

You may have seen on Twitter, that in Worship last week the children were learning about 'chalking the door' as a tradition to bless our school. The numbers refer to the year, the crosses to Christ, and the letters are the initials of the Magi or can stand for a blessing.



Chinese New Year also takes place this coming weekend and to mark this our caterers are providing a special themed lunch on Thursday. The menu sounds delicious and all children are welcome to have a lunch; they just need to let their teacher know on the day. Don't forget, meals for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are completely free!



#### **Water Bottles**

Just a reminder that all children should have a named bottle in school and these should contain only water, not juice. We have water coolers in the corridors for children to refill these when necessary.

#### The Crew!

The Crew is growing in popularity with the children really enjoying high quality after-school childcare! The provision takes place in the school hall every evening until 17:30 if needed and is a bargain at £5 for the first hour and then an additional £4 for the second. A healthy snack of choice is provided. Sessions can be booked on Parent Pay or ask in the office if you would like any more details.

### Safeguarding

As today's children are growing more and more tech-savvy, it is useful to know where there are trusted resources to support parents and carers. A website that has lots of great guidance and useful resources is <a href="https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/">https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/</a>. Why not take ten minutes to have a look at what you could do to make sure your child stays safe online.

Have a great week ahead.

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# Dates for your diary

# Blue text indicates occasions where parents and carers are warmly welcomed to attend.

Wednesday	25.01.23	All	Reading Cafe
Wednesday	01.02.23	All	Skip2BFit
Friday	10.02.23	All	School closes for half term – 15:30
Monday	20.02.23	All	School opens
Thursday	02.03.23	All	World Book Day
Tuesday	28.03.23	All	R. E. Day
Friday	31.03.23	All	Easter Service, St Mary's Church. 13:15
Friday	31.03.23	All	School closes for Easter 14:00
Saturday	01.04.23	All	Easter crafts in school

### A message from Mrs Clark

This week we will continue our work on writing non-chronological reports gathering ideas and planning before drafting our own reports. In maths, we will continue our work on addition and subtraction. We will continue to practice and apply spellings explored last week. Please remember to sign your child's reading record each time the read at home even if it isn't a school book which must be handed in each Monday. All children should be reading at least three times per week at home either independently or with an adult.

# A message from Mr Scott

This week in Cover Class we are continuing to read our class text, Holes, and looking at key reading skills. In addition to this, we are building on previous learning about punctuating speech to use this to advance action in narrative writing. In maths, Y5 will consolidate their understanding of square and cube numbers while Y6 will work on the order of operations. Beyond this, we will begin our next unit of work on fractions. In art we are beginning to plan out and design our activism art, deciding on the media and colours we want to use. In geography we are taking a closer look at the Alps mountain range - if anyone has any holiday snaps or anything else Alp related we'd love to know about it!